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MEMORIES
OF
Liberty Center
SCHOOL
1953



Left to right: Eleanor Morgan, Phil Cunningham, Terry Craig, Connie Pursley. Seated: Sandra Pursley, Barbara Meyer.

The Students At L. C. H. S.

The tape recorder was used frequently in speech class.



Sandra Pursley, Eleanor Morgan, Barbara Meyer.

The Junior Class made uniforms to wear when they sold concessions at the games.



Donna Brinneman, Rosemary Marshall, Nancy Ree, Juanita Wood.



FIRST GRADE LEARNED TO READ

The first grade, guided by Mrs. Rittenhouse, learned to read and enjoyed very much their first reader, "On Cherry Street."

They also learned to count and worked on number combinations.

Jim Harris, Billy Day, Sharon Lewis, Judy Rae Thompson; and Mrs. Rittenhouse.

Enjoyed Many Activities

BOOSTER BUS TOOK FANS TO THE GAMES

Although some of the fans and players must have sensed they were being carried to defeat, there was a lot of joking and good natured fun to be had on the bus that carried fans, players, and the coach to the basketball games away from home.

Before the season was over, most of the high school students had ridden at least once on this bus.

Delmar Grover, as last year, drove to all of the games.

The boys leave for a big game.





LLOYD LIEURANCE
Superintendent



OLIN RITTENHOUSE
Trustee



CHARLES DAY
Principal

With Wise Administration

Mr. Rittenhouse, Mr. Lieurance, Mr. Day



Mr. Day, Connie Pursley





Sharon Speece, Norma Niblick, John Bohr, Dianna Showalter.

THE STUDENTS LEARNED TO TYPE

Mr. Fruth employed many different techniques in his class to make typing much more interesting.

Among the new ideas was a hot rod race that measured the rate of words per minute the student typed.

Due to conflicting schedules and overcrowded rooms, there were three classes of typing a day; but as the year ended, the class was held only once daily.

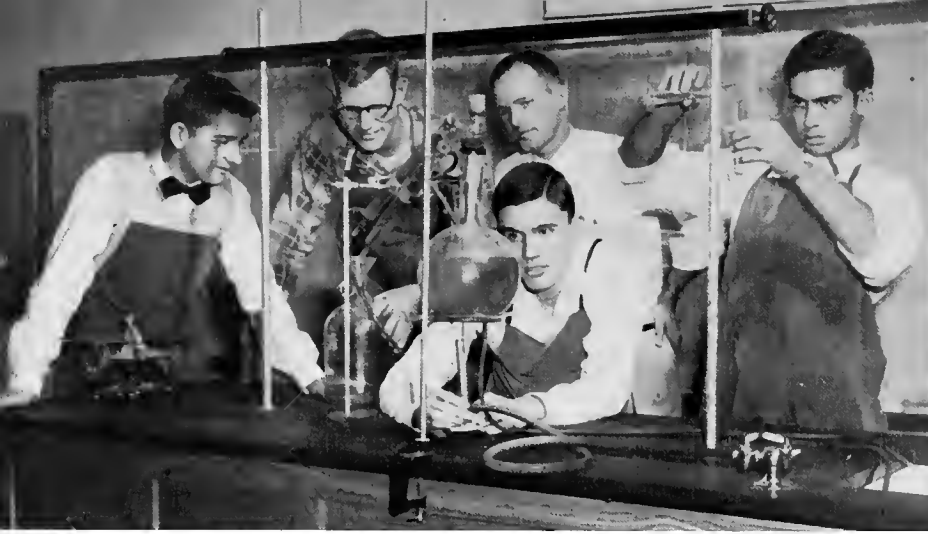
And Understanding Faculty

JOHN FRUTH
NEIL ROE

GRACE SMITH
MABLE METZ

MAX HAUKE
LLOYD BIBERSTINE





Bill Clark, Bill Elliott, Mr. Hawk, Phil Cunningham, Stanley Hoffacker

We Learned Much

We learned much in our various classes throughout the year. We enjoyed our chemistry experiments, even the minor explosions that we had; and the various odors that some of the students did not seem to appreciate.

We also enjoyed our ping pong games during the noon hour.

Norman Edris and Tom Tinkel in a game of doubles.





LENNA RITTENHOUSE
EULALA McLEAN

HELEN GINGERICK
GORDON WAECHTER

JEANETTE JOHNSON
MARY ROE

Through Expert Guidance

SCHOOL PARADE WAS HELD

For the first time in nearly two years, Liberty Center School was represented in the Bluffton Street Fair School Parade.

Before this time, the annual parade had not been held due to various reasons. This year Liberty had almost 100 per cent representation.

The Camera Club, with the help of Mr. Biberstine, displayed at the fair, pictures of the activities that went on during the early part of the school year.

The students from Liberty Center marched in the school parade at the Bluffton Fair.





Stanley Hoffacker, Terry Craig, Sandra Pursley, Connie Pursley

The Class Of 1953

THE SENIORS EXPERIENCE EVENTFUL YEAR

The class of 1953 started off their senior year by collecting junk to make money for their trip.

The seniors presented their class play, *M'Liss*, on October 16 and 17, then four days later, on October 21, left for a six day trip to Washington, D. C., and New York City.

After the class returned home, they began earnestly selling Christmas cards, stationery, and *Memories* subscriptions.

The exciting, eventful, period came to a close on commencement day, April 28, 1953.

Barbara Meyer, Eleanor Morgan, Reverend King.





TERRY CRAIG

Planned Their Senior Trip

BARBARA MEYER

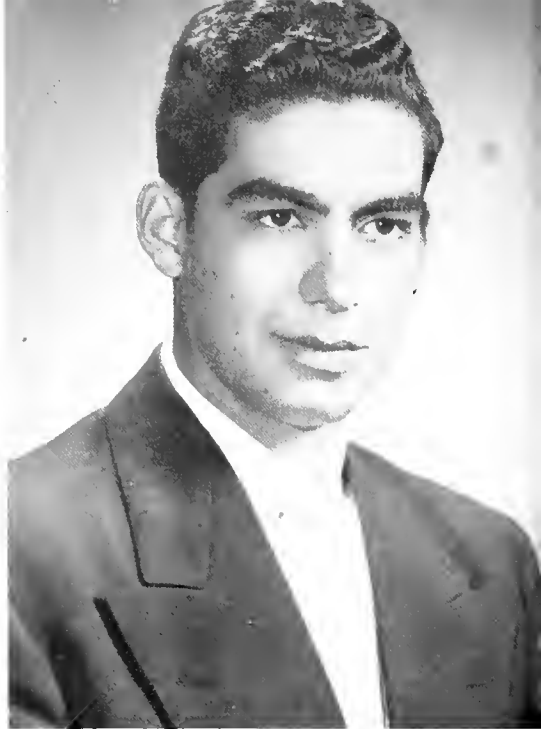


ELLANOR MORGAN





SANDRA PURSLEY



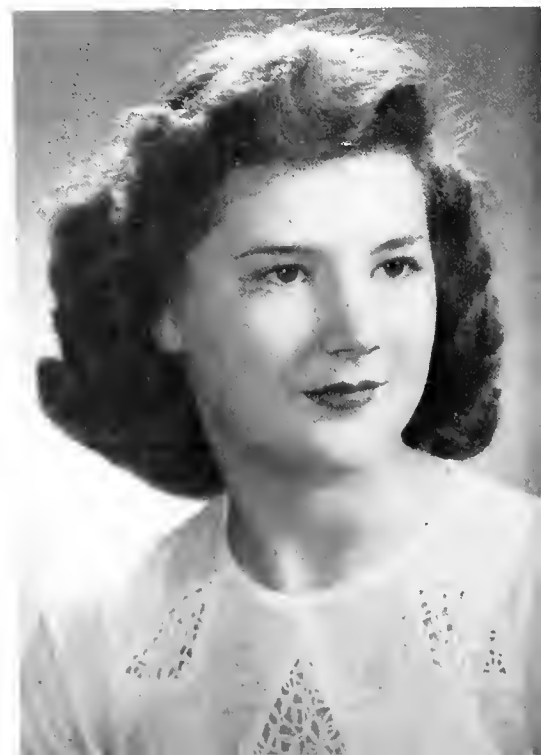
STANLEY HOFFACKER

Then Busily Prepared

PHIL CUNNINGHAM



CONNIE PURSLEY



SENIOR PICTURES TAKEN

The senior class accompanied by their sponsor, Mr. Biberstine, went to Bluffton October 16 and had their senior pictures taken at R.S.&M. Studios.

The picture on the right shows Phil Cunningham in a typical, handsome pose as Jim Reed prepares to take the picture.



Jim Reed and Phil Cunningham

For Spring Graduation

COMMENCEMENT AND BACCALAUREATE EXERCISES ARE HELD

After twelve long years of struggle, strife, and study, seven seniors remain to graduate from Liberty Center High School.

The class of '53 was the first to have their baccalaureate services held at the new Baptist Church. The baccalaureate was on April 26, and the commencement exercises were held on April 28 at the high school gym.





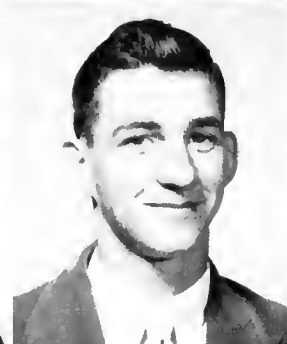
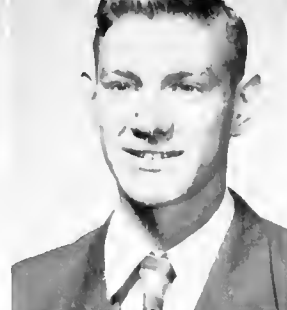
Norma Niblick, Nancy Roe, Von Hoffacker, and Allen Smith.

The Junior Class Sold Magazines

Bill Elliott, Johnny Treat, Reverend Treat, Juanita Wood, and Kaye Ivins

We sold concessions at the ball games, and we also sold magazines for the Crowell-Collier and Curtis Companies to make money for our senior trip next year.





Pat Gregg
Bill Clark

Sharon Showalter
Rosemary Marshall

Donna Brinneman
Juanita Wood

Arnold Maggard
Kaye Ivins

and Concessions

Tom Foreman
Charles Oswalt
Bill Elliott

Von Hoffacker
John Morgan

Norma Niblick
Richard Morgan

Nancy Roe
Allen Smith





Mary Lou Brown, Janet Niblick, Norman Edris, and John Bohr.

While Our Sophomores

The sophomores took home economics.

SOPHOMORES GET CLASS RINGS

The sophomores, not yet plagued with the task of making money for their senior trip, settled back and enjoyed school life without interruptions with the exception of their yearly quota of two class parties.

The sophomores selected their class rings from Josten's Ring Company and received the rings on January 8, 1953.





Norman Edris
Dianna Showalter

Noreen Edris
Don Schoeff

Tom Tinkel
Venita Maggart

Selected Their Class Rings

Phil Bozell

Mary Lou Brown

Sharon Speece

Norman Elston

John Bohr

Peg Collins

Nila Ann Reece

Bonnie Gregg

Delphur Lewis





Jim Lewis, Carolyn Cardin, Barbara Grover, Dick Lautzenheiser, and Leon Brinneman.

The Eager Freshman

On our way to class.

THE FRESHMEN BEGAN HIGH SCHOOL CAREER

The eager freshmen began this year the four year climb toward graduation.

Miss Smith, the class sponsor, supervised two class parties held by the class.

New subjects such as algebra and biology baffled the freshmen for a while, but after surpassing these obstacles, they continued on to a very successful year.





James Brinneman

Janet Kirtley
Marcus Barber

Pete Cole
Barbara Grover

Shirley Carpenter
Dick Lautzenheiser

Chad Penrod

Learned The Ropes

Don Marshall

Fred Hart
Carolyn Cardin

Lorene Cash
Wendell Foster

Jim Lewis
Lavon Brenton

Leon Brinneman





Richard Mossburg



Elaine Maggart
Max Dunaway



Marilyn Cunningham
Rochelle Dunn



Carolyn Barber
Jack Clark



John Huffman



The Junior High

Raymond Perry

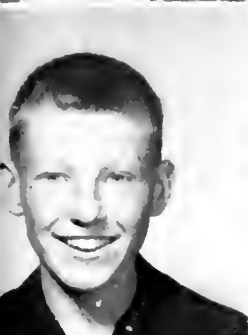
Richard Biberstein
Ethelcen Grover

Alice Gerwig
Wayland Stepp

Danny Frantz
Judy Pursley

Bob Speece





D. Bridges
John Niblick

Patricia Frantz
Joyce Grover

Jone Grover
Sarah Tinkel

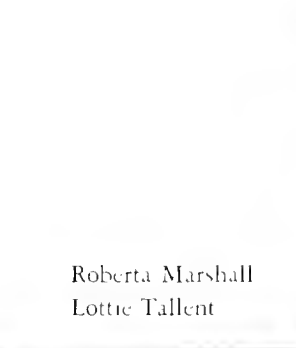
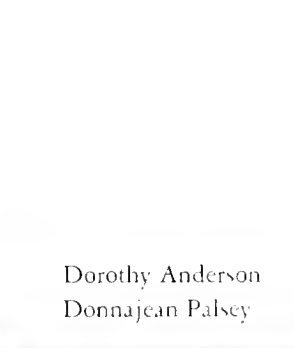
Darlene Barber
Patsy Fryback

Joe Craig
Ivan Ivins

Jim Thompson
Darrell Huffman
Raymond Maggart

Found Much Excitement

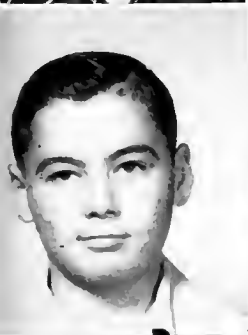
Freddie Frantz
Bob Mossburg
Don Niblick



Janice Barcus
Betty Gavin

Dorothy Anderson
Donnajeane Palsey

Roberta Marshall
Lottie Tallent





First row: Becky Tarr, Herbie Frank, Pamela Archbold. Second row: Jesse Gephart, Elizabeth Fox, Sue Leist, Sally Holloway, Carolyn Grover, Phyllis Ginger, Dwight Huffman. Third row: Eugene Garr, Marilyn Tallent, Nancy Foreman, Anita Barber, Louanne Drukemiller, Mary Burkholder, Lawrence Eubanks.

Grades Five and Six

First row: Billy Pursley, Glenda Dunn, Rita Brown, Russell Brinneman, Mary Brinneman, Martha Culp, Lyle Brinneman. Second row: Boyd Schoeff, Beverly Ginger, Betty Huffman, Clyde Maggard, Barbara Sullivan, Sandy Bulger, Larry Kumfer. Third row: David Markley, Margaret Irey, Judy Bozell, Jack Sills, Marjorie Cunningham, Wilma Jones, Harold Mowrey.





First row: Donald Huffman, Jack Barcus, Jean Ann Buse, Melvin Ginger, Linda Noble, Larry Keith Brinneman, Tommy Bozell. Second row: Terry Grubb, Al Tarr, Rebecca Stinson, Jimmy Marshall, Carolyn Jo Lieurance, Norman Glass, Dennis Bulger. Third row: Ralph Towns, Larry Lash, Barbara Jo King, Judy Eubanks, Jerry Anderson, Larry Frantz.

Grades Three And Four

First row: Bob Harris, Larry Lieurance, Don Harris, Kahlia Reece, Connie Drukemiller, Ricky Jarrett, Dennis Redding, Ronnie Oswald. Second row: Richard Frantz, Dwight Lutz, Linda Cardin, Susan Irev, Eva Maggart, Ilene Mann, Tommy Lautzenheiser, Kenny Kirtley. Third row: Barry Clark, Billy Kirtley, Christina Hall, Sarah Holloway, Barbara Baublett, Carolyn Biberstein, Rex Brinneman, Bobby Clark. Fourth row: Delmar Sills, Eugene Garr, Jimmie Grover



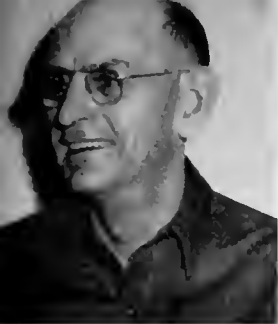


First row: Paul Towns, Leonard Brenton, Patty Collier, Cynthia Raber, Mary Lee Tallent, Billy Thompson, Jimmie Barcus, Billy Ginger. Second row: George Marshall, Dale Wall, Sonya Cramer, Kay Abner, Charlotte Sellers, Dickie Short, Jerry Gephart, Ricky Habbegar. Third row: Roger Pasley, Roy David Brinneman, Martha Bozell, Carol Lewis, Connie Lieurance, Billy Gavin.

Grades One and Two

First row: Allan Grogg, Bobby Frantz, Edwin Baublett, Carolyn Leist, Judy Rae Thompson, Jerry Grover, Dennis Schmidt, Billy Day. Second row: Jim Harris, Stephen Davison, Jack Holloway, Rosie Alcantar, Sharon Lewis, Danny Archbold, Jackie Sills, Clinton Jarrett. Third row: Dick Harris, Michael Bowman, Becky Bulger, Mary Jane Vice, Judy Carpenter, Bruce Stanton, Danny Anderson.





MOUNT GARRETT
Janitor

ADA GARRETT
Janitor



Judy Bozell, Sandy Bulger, Billy Putsley, and Larry Kumfer.

Grade School Activities

THE GRADE SCHOOL GAVE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The annual Christmas program given by the grade school music department and directed by Mary Roe was a huge success.

Many mothers of the performers had a big job before them in making goblin and fairy suits for their children's parts in the program.

The Christmas Program was a big success





Standing: Norman Edris, Jim Lewis, Bill Clark, Bill Elliott. Kneeling: Fred Hart, Tom Tinkel, Dick Lautzenhieser, Terry Craig, Mr. Fruth.

We are Loyal

Mr. Fruth and Terry Craig examine the newly won sportsmanship trophy.



LIBERTY WINS SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

On Saturday night, January 10, 1953, the Liberty Center basketball team was presented the Frank Garrett Sportsmanship Trophy.

Terry Craig, captain, accepted the trophy on behalf of the team, from Superintendent Lloyd Lieurance.

LIONS HAVE UNSUCCESSFUL SEASON

Through an unusually unsuccessful season, the Liberty Lions fought all the way despite several handicaps.

Many difficulties, unforeseen at the first of the season, developed to make the going rough for the Liberty Five.

The freshmen and sophomore boys, led by senior Terry Craig, played fine ball against heavy odds which makes the prospects for the 1953-54 season seem very bright indeed.



Craig grabs the rebound.

"To Our Center"

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| LIBERTY CENTER.....22 | JACKSON54 |
| LIBERTY CENTER.....57 | EAST ROCKCREEK80 |
| LIBERTY CENTER.....55 | LANCASTER57 |
| LIBERTY CENTER.....38 | WEST UNION54 |
| LIBERTY CENTER.....52 | WEST ROCKCREEK68 |
| LIBERTY CENTER.....52 | EAST UNION73 |
| LIBERTY CENTER.....37 | OSSIAN74 |
| LIBERTY CENTER.....50 | PLEASANT MILLS82 |
| LIBERTY CENTER.....53 | PETROLEUM61 |
| LIBERTY CENTER.....47 | LAFAYETTE CENTRAL70 |

County Tourney

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| LIBERTY CENTER.....49 | CHESTER CENTER60 |
| LIBERTY CENTER.....57 | EAST ROCKCREEK66 |
| LIBERTY CENTER.....37 | CHESTER62 |
| LIBERTY CENTER.....42 | MONTPELIER83 |
| LIBERTY CENTER.....43 | JEFFERSON66 |

Poulson shoots and misses!





Sandra Pursley and Norma Niblick

"We Will Never"

The opening tip!

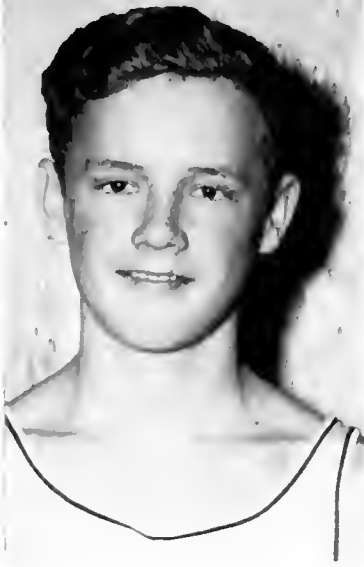




TERRY CRAIG



NORMAN ELSTON

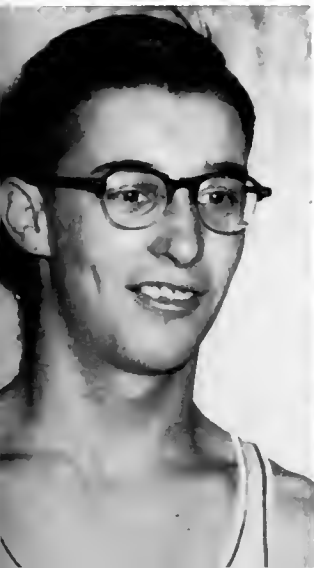


PHIL BOZELL



NORMAN EDRIS

Let Her Falter



TOM TINKEL



FRED HART



JIM LEWIS



DICK LAUTZENHEISER



Standing: Dick Lautzenheiser, Tom Foreman, Don Marshall, Mr. Fruth, John Bohr, Leon Brinneman, Jim Lewis. Kneeling: Phil Bozell, Norman Elston, Chad Penrod, Pete Cole, Fred Hart.

The Second Team Tried Hard

We go for a rebound!



Marcus Barber acted as student manager.





Standing: Jack Clark, Bob Speece, Joe Craig, Chaddie Garrett, Mr. Fruth, Wayland Stepp, Bob Mossburg, Donald Bridges, John Niblick, Kneeling: John Huffman, Raymond Perry, Ivan Ivins, Richard Mossburg, Danny Franz, Max Dunaway. Seated: Raymond Maggart, Jim Thompson, Freddie Frantz.

The Junior High Saw Action

Jump ball!



The Junior High practiced passing.





Standing: Fred Hart, Chad Penrod, Bill Clark, Kaye Ivins, Daniel Poulson, Norman Edris, Terry Craig. Seated: Jim Lewis, John Morgan, Tom Foreman, Don Marshall, Dick Lautzenheiser.

Our Boys Were In There Pitching

SOFTBALL TEAM HAS WINNING SEASON

Liberty opened the season with a victory over Petroleum, and dropped the next three games to Ossian, Jackson, and Union. Liberty finished the season with a three game winning streak, winning over Rockcreek, Chester, and Lancaster.

The four victories out of seven games gave the Lions a .574 percentage. The team hitting a creditable .308 was led by Jim Lewis who had a .454 percentage.



Foreman hits a long ball.



Craig hits one.

And Winning For L. C. H. S.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

| | | |
|----------------|-----------------|----|
| LIBERTY.....16 | PETROLEUM | 5 |
| LIBERTY.....23 | OSSIAN | 1 |
| LIBERTY.....5 | JACKSON | 8 |
| LIBERTY.....5 | UNION | 9 |
| LIBERTY.....6 | ROCKCREEK | 4 |
| LIBERTY.....21 | CHESTER | 10 |
| LIBERTY.....4 | LANCASTER | 3 |

He struck him out!





Joyce Grover, Darlene Barber, Eleanor Morgan.

We Elected "Ike"

On November 4, 1952, it was election day all over the United States; and the senior government class held a mock election on that date at the high school to help teach the students the value of intelligent voting.

Some of the seniors were in charge of making ballots, some had the responsibility of registering all those who wanted to take part.

Everyone who wanted to vote had to be registered by October 31.

Voting began at 11:30 A.M. and was held in voting booths on the stage. Members of the senior class counted the ballots, and at 2:30 P.M., the election board listed their returns: "Ike, by a landslide."

Our bus drivers transported us to and from school each day without an accident.



Barney Cardin, Willis Elston, Delmar Grover, Dorcy Niblick, Orville Gerwig.

And Class Plays Were Given

The senior class received some of their keenest enjoyment from their class play during dress rehearsal.

The grade school pupils have a lot of fun at Halloween time by dressing up in various colorful costumes.

The senior class makes ready for opening night.



It's Halloween!





Seated: Sally Jo Holloway, Judy Bozell, Patsy Fryback, Mary Brinneman, Dorthy Anderson, Mary Jane Burkholder, Wilma Jones, Marjorie Cunningham, Louanne Drukemiller, Rebecca Tarr, Pamela Archbold, Margaret Irey, Sandra Bulger, Joyce Grover. Second row: Janet Kirtley, Bonnie Gregg, Jean Gerwig, Peggy Collins, Miss Smith, Nancy Roe, Barbara Grover, Ellen Buckland, Judy Pursley. Third row: Roberta Marshall, Nila Reece, Elaine Maggart, Lavon Brenton, Carolyn Cardin, Sharon Speece, Janice Barcus, Janet Niblick, Rochelle Dunn, Marilyn Cunningham.

The 4-H Club

Standing: Janet Kirtley, Norma Niblick, Noreen Edris, Janet Niblick, and Nila Ann Reece. Seated: Bonnie Gregg, Barbara Grover, Nancy Roe, and Alice Gerwig.

GRACE SMITH—*Leader*





Standing: Terry Craig, Phil Bozell, Pete Cole, Arnold Maggard, Kaye Ivins, Mr. Hauk, Tom Tinkel, Pat Gregg, Chad Penrod, and Norman Edris. Second row: Raymond Maggard, Norman Elston, Bob Mossburg, Leon Brinneman, Max Dunaway, Chad Garrett, Joe Craig, Dan Frantz, Larry Kumfer, Richard Mossburg, Freddie Frantz. Third row: Darrell Huffman, Donald Bridges, Jim Thompson, David Markley, Dwight Huffman, Lyle Brinneman, Bill Pursley.

Exhibited At The Fair

Standing: Leon Brinneman, Norman Edris, Tom Tinkel, Arnold Maggard, Terry Craig. Seated: Pat Gregg, Peggy Collins, Daniel Poulson.



MAX HAUK—*Leader*





M'Liss

Left to right: Eleanor Morgan, Barbara Meyer, Terry Craig, Bill Clark, Phil Cunningham, Connie Pursley, Dantel Poulson, Sandra Pursley, Stanley Hoffaker.

The Seniors Took To The Stage

Bess Starlight plays up to Yuba Bill.



"Bummer" Smith is stabbed by Carter Langdon!





Standing: Rosemary Marshall, Kaye Ivins, Pat Gregg, Nancy Roe, Juanita Wood. Seated: Allen Smith, Norma Niblick, Sharon Showalter, Donna Brinneman, Bill Elliott, Bill Clark, Arnold Maggard.

Juniors Presented Their Play

"Cora, have you made your mind up yet?"



The stage hands go to work.





First Row: Sharon Speece, Von Hoffacker, Norman Edris, Allen Smith, Chad Penrod, Daniel Poulson, Leon Brinneman, Juanita Wood, Barbara Grover, Nila Reece. Second row: Janet Kirtley, Norma Niblick, Shirley Carpenter, Donna Brinneman, Pete Cole, Stanley Hoffacker, Arnold Maggard, Tom Tinkel, Terry Craig, Bonnie Gregg, Carolyn Cardin, Venita Maggard, Lavon Brenton. Third row: Nancy Roe, Peggy Collins, Mary Lou Brown, Janet Niblick. Seated at piano: Noreen Edris.

The Mixed Chorus

First row: Daniel Poulson, Allen Smith.
Second row: Arnold Maggard, Von Hoffacker, Leon Brinneman, Mrs. Roe.

Shirley Carpenter and Carolyn Cardin.

First row: Venita Maggard, Norma Niblick, Janet Niblick. Second row: Nancy Roe, Donna Brinneman, Noreen Edris, Mrs. Roe.





Chad Penrod, Donna Brinneman, Pat Gregg, Shirley Carpenter, Allen Smith, Barbara Grover, Lavon Brenton, Tom Tinkel, Nila Reece, Nancy Roe, Janet Kirtley, Carolyn Cardin, Bonnie Gregg, Venita Maggart, Sharon Speece, Norma Niblick, Norman Edris. Seated: Juanita Wood, Peggy Collins.

Presented "Wild Rose"

Rose Valentine captures Gypsy Joe.



The gypsy tribe visits Mrs. Valentine.





Standing: Norman Edris, Mr. Waechter, Bill Clark, Phil Cunningham. Seated: Marilyn Cunningham, Elaine Maggart, Sarah Tinkel, Janet Kirtley.

Our Band Increased

Mr. Waechter and Sarah Tinkel



Bill Clark and Mr. Waechter



Phil Cunningham and Mr. Waechter



FHA INITIATION



Carolyn Cardin, Shirley Carpenter, Lavon Brenton.

FHA OFFICERS



Mary Lou Brown, Shirley Carpenter, Carolyn Cardin, Peggy Collins, Nancy Roe, Sharon Speece, Barbara Meyer.

Our Clubs Were Active

Daniel Poulson and Bill Clark



Bill Clark



Daniel Poulson



STUDENTS WIN CONTEST ARGE

ARGE' CT

In climax the show, his brave wife placed a scarf around her neck, and he knocked the scarf to the floor. Her confidence was

Norma N iblick
Elain E Maggart
W allace La Fever

Ra Y mond Maggart
Elizab E th Fox
All A n Grogg
R ochelle Dunn

TEACHER OF THE MONTH



in
Tall.
We
our P.
Our room
have had a
also, have our
bulletin board
room decorated,
windows and door.

We will have our C.
change on Wednesday m.
cember 24. We will enjoy
more since our tests will be

GRADES THREE AND FOUR

Names have been exchanged for

**GRADES PRESENT
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The lower grades (the first six) should receive a great deal of credit for a highly enjoyable and entertaining Christmas program presented at the P. T. A. meeting, Monday evening, December 16th.

It was previously required considerable work on the part of the students and Mrs. Roe, the director, if it were successful it was her own self was concerned.

(Margaret Irey)

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PRESENT PROGRAM

in keeping with the Thanksgiving spirit, chapel was conducted in the Liberty Center High School auditorium on November 24.

The Edit

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FIFTY

NEWS



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 sixth grade.
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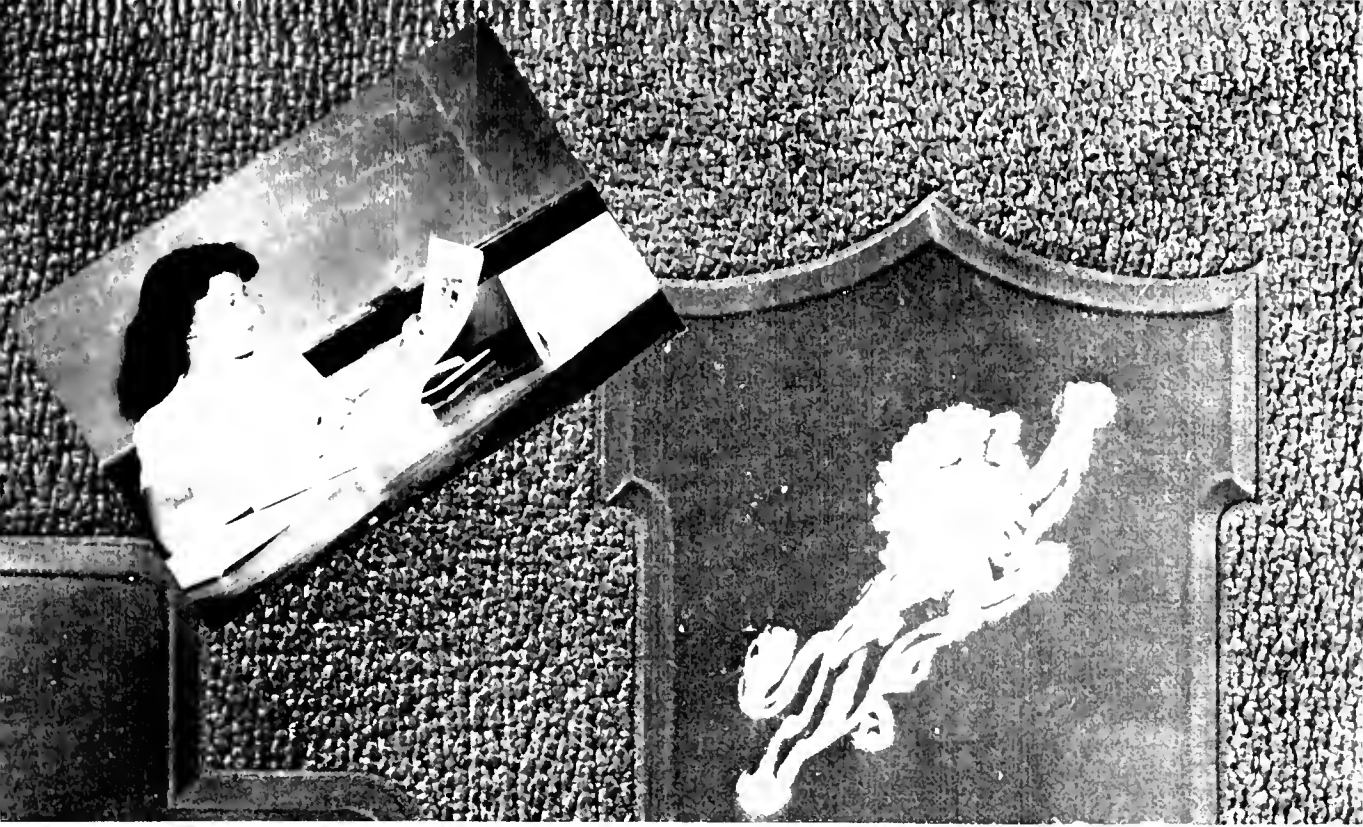
WORK OF THE MONTH

Hoffacker or as he is known to his friends as Stan, a well-complexioned man with dark hair, Hoffacker is a friendly fellow with laugh lines around his eyes. He is a hard worker and a good person to know.

AG CLASS HOLDS P

In a strictly stag affair the
ing team (freshmen and sop-
mores) in the recent pest- killing
contest treated the winners, the
juniors and seniors, to a party at
the State Forest Wednesday even-

SCHOOL CALENDAR



And Publish



Memories '52



Barbara Meyer, Sandra Pursley, Connie Pursley, Marcile Biberstine, Lloyd Biberstine, Stanley Hoffacker, Daniel Poulson, Terry Craig. Seated: Eleanor Morgan, Phil Cunningham.

The Seniors Said Farewell

We're New York bound!

THE SENIORS PREPARE TO LEAVE SCHOOL

The senior trip to Washington, D. C., and New York City gave the seniors a taste of independence and responsibility.

It is with a mixed feeling of happiness and regret that the students leave Liberty Center and say farewell.





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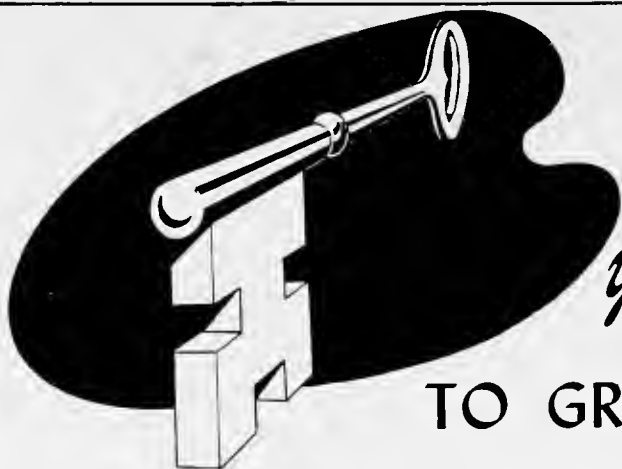
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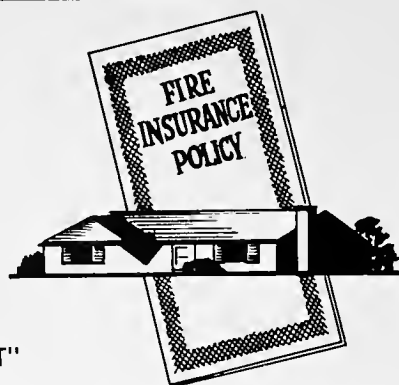
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